



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
254th BASE SUPPORT BATTALION (SCHINNEN)
UNIT 21602
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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: 254th Base Support Battalion (BSB) (Schinnen) Command Policy Letter 6,
Environmental Policy

1. Reference:

- a. Executive Order 13148, 26 Apr 00, subject: Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management.
- b. Memorandum, DAIM-ED-C, 6 Aug 01, subject: New Installation Management Requirements.
- c. Army Regulation 200-1, 21 Feb 97, subject: Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
- d. Army in Europe Regulation 200-1, 26 Sep 03, subject: Army in Europe Environmental Quality Program.
- e. Environmental Performance Assessment System (EPAS) for 254th BSB, Schinnen, The Netherlands, 15 – 19 Oct 01, subject: External Assessment Executive Summary by IMA-Europe.

2. Protection of precious environmental resources is the duty of every member of the Total Army. Charged with the stewardship of over 20 million acres of land, we must never lose sight of our responsibility to preserve and protect the resources that have been entrusted to our care. The guiding principle is that work and actions must be environmentally sustainable, meeting current needs without compromising the integrity of the environment for future generations. As a basis to our environmental management policy we must:

- a. Comply fully with the letter and spirit of environmental laws and regulations and strive to secure fundamental reforms that will improve their environmental effectiveness and reduce the cost of compliance.
- b. Integrate environmental consideration into all activities.
- c. Employ management systems and procedures specially designed to prevent activities and/or conditions that pose a threat to human health, safety or the environment.

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- d. Strive to prevent releases into the atmosphere, land or water. We will minimize the amount and toxicity of waste generated and will ensure the safe treatment and disposal of waste.
- e. Cooperate with Host Nation agencies to further common environmental objectives.
- f. Allocate resources and training to protect our environment.
- g. Communicate and reinforce this policy throughout the Base Support Battalion.
- h. Continuously seek opportunities to improve our adherence to these principles, and periodically report progress to our Headquarters.

3. Formation and operation of an Environmental Quality Control Committee (EQCC). The EQCC advises the 254th BSB Commander on environmental priorities, policies, strategies, and programs. It's a forum to address and resolve complex environmental issues that can affect the installation and is an integral part of an effective Environmental Management System (EMS). The EQCC will be made up of the following members:

- a. Commander, 254th BSB, who will serve as the chairman.
- b. The DPW, who will act as the executive secretary.
- c. The Chief, Environmental Management Office.
- d. The director of each major staff section of the BSB (include medical, operations, safety, staff judge advocate, resource management, logistics, public affairs, and senior tactical commander's representative). At the discretion of the 254th BSB commander, other offices may be represented.
- e. Command representatives from each tenant organization.
- f. Tenant unit commanders and others deemed appropriate by the 254th BSB commander.
- g. DRMO regional office representative.

The EQCC will meet once a quarter or at the minimum twice a year. Official minutes will be recorded, signed by the Commander, 254th BSB, and kept on file by the Chief, DPW, Environmental Management Office.

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4. The formation and operation of an asbestos management team, a lead-based paint management team and a hazardous waste management team will be consolidated under and reported through the EQCC as subcommittees.
5. The members of this Battalion, military and civilian, must ensure that we are well aware of our responsibilities as we set the standard for the Department of Defense and the Nation in meeting the environmental challenges for the future.

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